

Licensed Paramedic Transition Policy, 03-C

December 2002

Background:

Candidates who were licensed under the original licensure rule in February 1999, are required to maintain their license by accruing 96 continuing education (CE) hours and passing the written exam or accruing 136 CE hours and having the testing requirement waived by their medical director. The revised paramedic licensure rule (effective 11/7/02) allows for renewal by CE but requires CE accrual to follow the detailed requirements of §157.38. Candidates who have spent most of their licensed period gaining CE to renew under the original paramedic licensure rule may find themselves faced with large deficits in CE content areas under the revised rule. Therefore this policy will address an interim period where by licensed paramedics can renew under the CE option under a modified CE requirement.

Statute Reference:

HSC 773.050, 773.055

Rule Reference:

§ 157.40(g) CE subject areas. CE hours shall be accrued within one or more of the following medical subject areas:

Policy:

Paramedic licensure candidates choosing to renew under the CE option will be allowed to substitute 136 CE hours in one or more approved content areas instead of new rule requirement of 144 hours in specified content areas. This allowance will be acceptable until December 31, 2003. The licensure candidate must complete ALL renewal requirements by December 31, 2003 in order to renew under this policy allowance.

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